

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009***

Present: Selectmen Wes Moore, Rosanne Gilbert, and Michael Woodworth. Others present included: Elise Caggiano, Jennifer Feals, Natalie Fream, Kelley Corson, Lauren Saltman, Chief Reed, Lt. Gould, and Jeff Buxton.

Call to order: 5:40pm by Chairman Moore.

Members of Main Street Art met with the Selectmen and signed the lease agreement for the old post office building.

Rosanne made a motion to accept Clay Mitchell's renewal contract as Town Planner. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The contract was then signed.

Larry Shaw stepped up to serve as the Town Landing Overseer this year. However, the Town needs a volunteer to take over this position. Please contact the Town Office if you are interested in this position.

The panic buttons in the Town Office and the Police department were tested today. They will be tested monthly from now on.

D. M. Burns will be sending a quote to install fire alarms in the police department and to replace a fire alarm in the town office.

The Christmas Holiday Celebration will be held this Sunday, December 6th. The police department will have additional officers stationed on Main Street at Railroad Avenue and Main Street at Swamscott Street for the closure of Main Street by the Town Hall.

The Chief purchased two re-furbished laptops for the cruisers. They have been installed and are working properly.

An update was given by the Chief on situation on Piscassic Road last week.

The Police Department budget for 2010 was reviewed individually by the Selectmen. They feel that the department did a good job on the budget and were able to keep it at level funding. They also appreciate the fact that the Chief and employees are accepting the fact that no pay increases will be given in 2010.

Wes and Ray Buxton chose a location for the Water & Sewer construction sign.

Ray took the eagle that is usually above the front hall doors for re-painting. Ray will give an estimate to replace the marquee.

Rosanne advised the board that she spoke with Dave Mason about the deputy treasurer responsibilities.

Checks were signed.

Correspondence from the New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals, Newfields Planning Board, and the Education Tax Warrant were reviewed.

Dragon Mosquito will be contacted for pricing on mosquito control in 2010.

Fire Chief Jeff Buxton discussed a Warrant Article for 2010 asking for funds to be placed in the fire truck capital reserve fund.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting as amended. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

At 7:40pm, Rosanne made a motion to adjourn. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant